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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, History Staff

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Declassification of Historically Significant Files

1. The Senate passed the Freedom of Information Act for us largely on the basis of my assurance that we would cooperate with the Archivist and other historians in the selective declassification of all the older files that are historically significant. I told them I had already directed that this be begun. I had in mind my direction to you to see what could be done to accelerate the declassification of World War II files. Give me a full report on what has been done and where that effort stands.

2. I would also like to know where you stand on the histories of the Helms and Colby periods.

3. I attach some of the dialogue on the floor of the Senate on declassification of historically significant files.


William J. Casey

Attachment:
As stated



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